

Dodd Asks U.S.I.A. to Dismiss Its Expert on Russian Affairs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (AP)

Senator Thomas J. Dodd called today for a Congressional investigation of the United States Information Agency and for the dismissal of one of its specialists in Russian affairs. The Connecticut Democrat's principal target in a Senate speech was Dr. Ralph K. White, chief of the Soviet Bloc Division of the U. S. I. A.'s Office of Research and Analysis.

He said that Dr. White, in a speech Sept. 4 at the American Psychological Association convention, "advanced the general theme that we are not too different from the Communists after all."

The Senator said that Dr. White had contended, among other things, that "while the Soviets may appear aggressive in Berlin, they have a genuine desire to stabilize the situation there, based upon a sincere fear of aggression by the West."

Also, Mr. Dodd said, Dr. White contended that "we overestimate the evil of Communist dictators" and that "we are too ready to dismiss the words of the Soviet leaders as lies when most of the time they are saying what they really think."

Senator Dodd said that Dr. White also condemned the U-2 flights over the Soviet Union and "our assistance to the Cuban freedom fighters as matters which we should be blaming."

Senator Dodd said these and other remarks he ascribed to Dr. White were "strange statements indeed to come from a man who is responsible for advising U. S. I. A. on the most effective means of winning the ideological conflict with the Communists."

Mr. Dodd said Congress should thoroughly investigate the U. S. I. A. "to find out if Dr. White's philosophy is an isolated phenomenon within the agency or whether it represents a serious lack of opinion among its members who are charged with

bringing to the world the American message."

If U. S. I. A. leaders share Dr. White's approach to the "cold war," Mr. Dodd said, "then this entire agency must be either cleaned up or dismantled."

In his speech before the American Psychological Association here this week and at a news conference, Dr. White emphasized that his views on delusions shared by Russians and Americans about each other were expressed as a private citizen and psychologist.

He cited three dangerous delusions that he said prevented understanding between the two peoples. One, he said, was that neither country believed that the other feared it. The second was that each had the image of the other's leadership as evil and wanting war. The third was that neither listened to the other because each believes that every thing leaders of the other side say is a lie.

Russians, he said, cannot understand the United States alignment with the former common enemy of World War II, Germany. Americans, he went on, cannot perceive the fear that the Russians have of a resurgent Nazi Germany, he said. Dr. White said that Russian error more in "official lies," such as blaming the United States for the Korean war, and proclaiming the "independence of peoples democracies."

In this area, he said, the United States had gotten its "hale loused up" about the U-2 and Cuban incidents.

But, Dr. White stressed, Russians were by far the most deluded and "in the interest of international understanding suggested that Americans adopted a 'soft-headed empathy' toward them. Not, he advised, for the sake of becoming "soft on Communism" but to try to understand their thinking even when remaining strong and holding to their own principles.